Please add the following claims:

21. A method for identifying a compound that decreases binding between a protein comprising a polypeptide of Seq ID No. 1 and the protein's receptor expressed on B cells, the method comprising contacting said protein and said B cell receptor in the presence of a test compound, where a decrease in binding of the protein to the receptor, compared to that which would occur in the absence of said test compound, indicates said test compound decreases the binding of the protein and the receptor.

22. A method according to claim 21 wherein the protein comprises a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of Seq ID No. 2.

23. A method according to claim 21 wherein the protein is a trimer.

24. A method according to claim 21 wherein the protein is a homotrimer.

25. A method according to claim 22 wherein the protein is a trimer.

26. A method according to claim 22 wherein the protein is a homotrimer.

27. A compound identified by the method of claim 21.

28. A composition comprising a compound according to claim 27 in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

29. A method of inhibiting activation of NF-kB transcription factor in a B-cell, comprising contacting the cell with an effective amount of a compound capable of decreasing binding between a protein comprising a polypeptide of Seq ID No. 1 and its receptor expressed on B cells.

30. A method according to claim 29 where said cell is in vitro.

31. A method according to claim 29 where said cell is in vivo.

32. A method according to claim 29 wherein the protein comprises a polypeptide of Seq ID No. 2.

33. A method according to claim 29 wherein the protein is a trimer.

34. A method according to claim 29 wherein the protein is a homotrimer.

35. A method according to claim 29 wherein the protein comprises a polypeptide of Seq ID No. 2 and wherein the protein is a trimer.

36. A method according to claim 29 wherein the protein comprises a polypeptide of Seq ID No. 2 and wherein the protein is a homotrimer.